

Wisdom of Our Faith Commission MINUTES

June 5, 2014 Loughry Room

Present: Fr. Matt Bozovsky, Teresa Chiappone, Kevin Sullivan, Dave Braun, Steve Moseley, Nick Begley, Eileen Glynn-Tucker

Meeting began at 7:05 with Opening Prayer led by Fr. Matt.

1. Announcements:

- Eileen distributed copies of the form / procedure for submitting new parish initiatives and our parish decision making model. Both forms can be found in the resources section of the website.
- Vice Lead - Nomination Process A letter describing the nomination process will be emailed to all WOOF Commission members. Many thanks to Kevin Sullivan for continuing to be an actively engaged Vice-Lead.
- New ministry leads: For some ministries, the leaders change over the summer. Please notify Eileen or Teresa if your ministry lead changes.
- All are invited to attend the Mass and to volunteer at the reception honoring Fr Trout on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee on Saturday, June 21st. Sign up is on iVolunteer.

2. Ministry Reports

SPRED: John Brodarick emailed his report. SPRED has no more sessions until Sept. As a group, they will be attending Mass at USML Mundelein Seminary on June 29 followed by a picnic sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of Lake County.

YAM: Nick Begley updated us on the Summer Theology on Tap session that YAM St.Joe's will host for YAM Lake County. They are offering dance lessons, have an upcoming event at Mickey Finns and are gaining momentum. The other lead, Tom Nield, relocated out of state so he is no longer able to co-lead the ministry. YAM provides adult ministry at the 5PmSunday Mass once per month and are building community with the young adults programs they offer.

Women's CRHP and Spiritual Companions: Kathy Andrews shared her report with Eileen in advance. The May CRHP weekend at Stritch was well- attended and well-received. They are trying to reserve a weekend in October or November at Stritch Retreat Center. Benefits of Stritch include short easy set-up (quilts, pictures of sunflowers, night bags and a Wonderful difference in people on Sunday. Retreatants and Giving Team were both more ready to receive and give, listen on Sunday. They were refreshed.

Mary Pelc is the companion for the companions. New Spiritual Companions are being discerned. Some existing companions are inactive but most remain active and intend to walk with future teams.

RCIA: Final Mass and was held this week for the 6 people received into full communion with the church and 2 who were baptized. The newest members of our parish (and spouses and significant others) are ready to join ministries and continue the work of Fr. Matt and Teresa have presented them with opportunities that match their talents and interests. The program is quite good but minor modifications and speakers will be changed next year.

Annulment Ministry: Kevin will attend an Arch training program sponsored by the Family Ministries office when it is offered again. He meets with parishioners in an exploratory session about annulment support for those going through the annulment process.

Men's Council: Steve reinforced that all men of the parish are invited to attend the Men's Council events. CRHP is just one part of the ministry. They are planning a Father's Day Breakfast before the 8:30 AM Mass on Saturday. They are hosting the annual men's retreat the last weekend of June with Fr. Barron delivering the keynote for the Eucharist Taste and See themed retreat. Their goal is to have predictable programs for each of the liturgical seasons. They provide Faith Formation events throughout the year. The annual Fr. Ken dinner in October will affirm the work of the Holy Spirit in Jack Brennan. Steve spoke of the upcoming Spiritual Companion training being developed by Dr. Kevin Murphy. Steve explained how the Council bridges between WOOF and other commissions. They want to develop a structure that will help them communicate within commissions. Men's Council is developing a curriculum that will allow people to attend what they want on a spectrum of offerings.

Marriage Enrichment Ministry: Dave reported MEM will host a semiannual retreat on October 4-5 and again in March 2015 titled Living in Love. After the follow up sessions, participants can give the next retreat. Dave explained that their focus is Theology of the Body. MEM would like to partner with other parish ministries to bring D'Ambrosio to the parish. His Crossroad Ministry has many programs on relationships that would be pertinent to parish ministries. If your ministry is interested, visit his website Crossroad Ministry and contact Dave Braun.

Religious Education Connection: Eileen reported that RE staff, catechists and REC Board members met on May 31st for a visioning session. Three task forces will be formed to focus on Catechist training and certification, operations / communication and Curriculum.

3. Fr. Matt's Role in WOOF: Fr. Matt reported that effective July 1st, he will be the Clergy Representative on WOOF. In that capacity, he will act as a liaison between the clergy and the ministries of WOOF. He will try to visit your ministry meetings on

occasion if you notify him when you meet. You can add him to your email lists. Fr. Matt has a strong interest in Adult Faith Formation.

4. Discussion: Adult Faith Formation (AFF) Needs in the Parish and Subcommittee Formation

The AFF plan we developed needs additional work and still needs to be established into the Commissions and parish ministries. The diocese offers an AFF certificate; there is just one person in active ministry who holds the AFF certificate. Eileen will contact him. The Arch Adult Faith Formation office will provide resources in establishing a fully integrated Adult Faith Formation program.

WOOF will establish a short term subcommittee to establish our parish AFF and to fully integrate it across commissions and plan to establish. Ministries need to support one another and to unify. Many ministries are passionate about teaching and learning the faith. It requires strategic planning and to take the opportunity to learn from our previous successes. If you are interested in joining our subcommittee, please contact Eileen or Teresa.

Meeting ended at 8:30 with Closing Prayer, We go forth as Disciples, prayed together.

Next Meetings:

July 16th, 2014 – Loughry Room for Faith Formation Plan Subcommittee

August 14th, 2014 –Loughry Room for Faith Formation Plan Subcommittee

September 11, 2014 – Loughry Room

November 13, 2014 -- Loughry Room

January 8, 2015 Formation Center RoomD

March 12, 2015 -- Loughry Room

May 14, 2015 -- Loughry Room